



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 29, 2024

MR. NOAH SCHEER

FOIPA Request No.: 1573192-000
Subject: CORSON, SAMUEL ABRAHAM

Dear Mr. Scheer:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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224 pages were reviewed and 105 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

This is the final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Records that may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

A record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file numbers 100-HQ-242525, 105-HQ-69312, serial HQ15; HQ14; 15, 62-HQ-107350 serial Hq308-ENCLP1; HQ228-ENCLP8; HQ228-ENCLP3; HQ284p4, 100-HQ-207395 serial HQ595, 100-HQ-3 SUB 60 serial 396, 100-HQ-333188 serial 12, 100-HQ-203763 serial 28, 100-HQ-334195 serial 100, 100-HQ-386936, serial 16, and 100-HQ-3 sub 65 serial 51 p11.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Report of Special Agent
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SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, AKA SAMUEL ABRAHAM KORSUNSKY, SAMUEL KOROUNSKI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL, WASH., D. C., LGE.

ALBANY REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW REV. DAVID MCCOULEY, S.J., TERTIANSHIP, AURIESVILLE, N.Y. IN REGARD EMPLOYEE. FATHER MCCOULEY WAS DEAN GEORGETOWN UNIV. MEDICAL SCHOOL WHEN EMPLOYEE WAS EMPLOYED THERE IN DEPT. OF PHARMACOLOGY FROM JULY NINETEEN FORTY THREE TO FORTY FOUR. FATHER MCCOULEY PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED APRIL FORTY SIX BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND REPORTED TO HAVE STATED QUOTE THERE IS A QUESTION OF HIS LOYALTY. HE SEEMED TO BE MUCH TOO INTERESTED IN RUSSIA. HE WAS NOT ASKED TO RESIGN IN SO MANY WORDS BUT FOR A LONG TIME IT WAS SORT OF UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD LEAVE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. UNQUOTE. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION IS ALLEGATION THAT CORSON IS A COMMUNIST AND HAS ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE CP. BUDED JULY TWENTY TWO.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. ROBERT W. CLARK, Fort Knox, Kentucky, advises was Assistant to Director, Yale Aero Medical Research Unit, Yale University, when Employee worked there in 1944. Knows him only slightly but has no reason to doubt loyalty. - RUC - Reference: Louisville teletype to Albany Office, July 21, 1948.			
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1. The first group of respondents (Group 1) consisted of 100 individuals who were randomly selected from the general population. They were surveyed via telephone interviews.

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SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, aka
Samuel Abraham Korsunsky
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Associate Professor of Physiology
Howard University Medical School
Washington, D.C.
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ALBANY, NEW YORK
July 23, 1948

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

AT CEDAR BEACH, CHARLOTTE, VERMONT:

Dr. ROBERT W. CLARK, attached to the Armored Vehicle Research Laboratory of the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, as a Civilian Physiologist, advised that he was Assistant to the Director at the Yale Aero Medical Research Unit at Yale University during the time Employee was there in 1944, about July to September. Dr. CLARK did not recall the exact dates. He advised that he had not known Employee prior to this time and that he has not been in contact with him since September 1944; that he has not been on intimate terms with Employee at any time.

Dr. CLARK feels that he knows little concerning Employee, but knows nothing which might cause him to doubt Employee's loyalty.

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Report of: Special Agent Frank C. Wood
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Washington, D. C. CORSON employed as Assistant Professor of Physiology 9/15/42, to 7/15/43, by University of Oklahoma Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Confidential Informant (C) Oklahoma City T-1 advised in 1944 that ALAN SHAW, at that time President of the Oklahoma Communist Political Association, had indicated that "SAM" and "MOLIA" were transfers from District 31 of the Communist Political Association and that their latest address was 2617 39th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. CORSON had considerable personal difficulty with members of the Physiology Department and resigned under pressure. Fellow faculty members, neighbors, and student, unable to furnish any information pertaining to loyalty. - R U C -			
REFERENCE: Teletype from Washington Field dated July 15, 1948.			
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III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

(X) Confidential Informant Oklahoma City T-1, who is known to be reliable, advised this Office in 1944 that ALAN SHAW, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at that time President of District 31 of the Communist Political Association of Oklahoma and who at present is Secretary of District 28 of the Communist Party, U. S. A., had indicated that one "SAM" and "MOILA" had been transferred from District 31 of the Communist Political Association and that their new address was 2617 39th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

(X) Confidential Informant Oklahoma City T-1 advised that he is unable to furnish any further information regarding these individuals. He declined to furnish a signed statement and advised he did not desire to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Mr. EMIL R. KRAETTL, Secretary of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, furnished his records regarding employee which reflect that CORSON was employed on September 15, 1942, as an Assistant Professor of Physiology at the University of Oklahoma Medical School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. These records reflected that CORSON had indicated he was born on December 31, 1909, at Odessa, Russia, and was a citizen of the United States. The records further indicated that CORSON had become involved in personal difficulties with members of the Physiology Department and especially with Dr. EDWARD C. MASON, Chairman of the Department, but these records contained no information regarding his loyalty to the United States.

At the Texhoma Hotel, Tishomingo, Oklahoma, Dr. EDWARD C. MASON stated that he has been head of the Physiology Department, Oklahoma University Medical School, for the past twenty years and in 1943, appointed the employee to the post of Assistant Professor in Physiology in the Oklahoma University Medical School. Dr. MASON stated that at the close of the 1943 school term, he was instrumental in causing the removal of the employee from his position as Assistant Professor. Dr. MASON stated that he found the employee to be

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non-cooperative and desirous of undermining Dr. MASON'S position in the Medical School. However, Dr. MASON stated that at no time did he observe that the employee made any remarks or was engaged in any activity indicating that the employee was in any manner disloyal to the United States. Dr. MASON added that so far as he knows, the employee during the period in question, did not belong to any organization disloyal in any respect.

Dr. MACK R. EVERETT, Dean, School of Medicine, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that his acquaintance with CORSON was limited to the one school year in which CORSON was employed by the University of Oklahoma Medical School at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he presumed CORSON was loyal to the United States as he had observed nothing which would indicate that he would be disloyal.

Dr. A. N. TAYLOR, presently Chairman of the Department of Physiology, University Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that he was acquainted with employee while both were at Texas University and that he could furnish no information regarding CORSON'S loyalty.

Dr. PAUL W. SMITH, Pharmacology Department, University of Oklahoma Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a former fellow faculty member, and Dr. JAMES B. ESKRIDGE, III, University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a former student of CORSON, advised that they could furnish no information pertaining to the loyalty of CORSON.

Dr. ERNEST LOCHMAN, Department of Anatomy, University Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that while Dr. CORSON was at the Medical School, he had had numerous social contacts with him and his wife, MOLLA, but had not maintained contact with CORSON after he left the Medical School. He advised he had received no indication from the CORSONS which would reflect on the loyalty of either Mr. or Mrs. CORSON.

Mrs. HELEN L. KENDALL, Registrar, University of Oklahoma Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, made available the records of that Office regarding CORSON which contained no information pertaining to his loyalty.

The following persons, who were former neighbors of SAMUEL A. and MOLLA CORSON at 816 Northeast 20th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, could furnish no information regarding them:

Mr. HOUSTON W. REEVES, 2131 Harden Drive, formerly of
820 Northeast 20th Street
Mr. and Mrs. VERNON BEALS, 1408 Camden Way, formerly of
812 Northeast 20th Street
Mrs. W. D. BURKE, 1117 Northwest 24th Street, formerly of
824 Northeast 20th Street
STANLEY ROGERS, 813 Northeast 19th Street

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(C) [Confidential Informant Oklahoma City T-2] of known reliability, advised that CORSON is unknown to him.

(C) [Confidential Informant Oklahoma City T-3] a confidential and reliable informant, advised that he does not know the employee and has never heard of him in connection with the Communist Party of Oklahoma.

The records of the Oklahoma City Retailers' Association, the Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Public Safety, all Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, contain no information pertaining to the loyalty of the employee.

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Regarding the report of SA FRANK L. DOUGHERTY dated November 17, 1943, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY-USA, District 31, INTERNAL SECURITY - C," Page 4 of that report indicates that [Informant T-1, a reliable and confidential source, furnished this Office with photographs which were taken May 20, 1943, of notations in ALAN SHAW'S handwriting setting out his agenda for the week of May 2, to May 9, 1943, which contained on Page 2 under the heading "Meetings for B" presumably BETTY GRAYSON, a list of names under "Pro. Branch - Mon. nite - O. D." the names "SAM" and "MOLLA." In view of the source of this information, the photographs could not be used for evidence and were destroyed on March 31, 1944.] Consequently, (C) this information was not included in the report.

Although Confidential Informant [] is a trash cover maintained at Communist Party Headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, there is nothing in the files to definitely indicate on what document the information was based that SAM and MOLLA had been transferred from District 31 as set forth in Paragraph 1, Page 1, of instant report.

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(C) This investigation was made at Tishomingo, Oklahoma, by SA A. RUSSELL ASH; at Tulsa, Oklahoma, (contact with [T-3]) by SA HARRY W. HANKINSON; and at Oklahoma City and Norman, Oklahoma, by the writer.

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FILE NO. 121-925 MEM/md

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-21-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-20-48	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM H. CARPENTER
TITLE SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, aka Samuel Abraham Korsunsky, Samuel Korounski Associate Professor of Physiology Howard University Medical School XXXXXXXXXXXX Washington, D. C.			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Synopsis of Facts: Dr. PAUL S. CALTSOFF, Bureau of Fisheries, Woods Hole, Mass., recalls applicant as temporary employee above Bureau, summer of 1940, but could furnish no evidence relative to loyalty. Boston T-1 states employee worked for Russian Embassy in 1943-1944. REFERENCE: Washington Field teletype to Boston, 7/19/48. Washington Field teletype to Boston, 7/20/48.			
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Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Boston, Massachusetts
July 21, 1948

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Dr. PAUL S. CALTSOFF, Chief Shellfish Investigator, Atlantic Coast and Gulf Area, Bureau of Fisheries, U. S. Department of the Interior, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, verified that applicant was a temporary summer laboratory aid at the Bureau of Fisheries, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, during the summer of 1940. Dr. CALTSOFF, however, could furnish no information relative to applicant's loyalty.

Confidential Informant Boston T-1 is of known reliability. He refused to execute a statement or to appear before a Loyalty Board. Boston T-1 was associated with the employee [REDACTED] b7D
Boston T-1 stated that during that time CORSON was employed by the Russian Embassy in Washington for the purpose of translating scientific papers and magazine articles from English into Russian. The employee during that time manifested to the informant an interest in and sympathy with Soviet problems. Boston T-1 has never been able to determine whether this activity on the part of the employee grew out of an interest in an ally of the United States during the time of war or whether it was a more firmly rooted ideological interest. Boston T-1, therefore, refuses to make any comment regarding the employee's loyalty.

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Dr. PAUL S. GALTSOFF, Chief Shellfish Investigator, Atlantic Coast and Gulf Area, Bureau of Fisheries, U. S. Department of the Interior, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, advised that he did not like applicant personally because applicant's personal characteristics were not good. Applicant always seemed to be disagreeable and assumed authority he did not have in writing letters to people outside the Bureau. According to Dr. GALTSOFF, applicant also sold articles during his working hours after he had been admonished for this practice by Dr. GALTSOFF. He was never recommended for employment by Dr. GALTSOFF at any time the latter was contacted for a reference and Dr. GALTSOFF would never re-hire applicant because of the above reasons.

Confidential informant Boston T1 is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He was interviewed at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, by Special Agent Brenton S. Gordon.

[REDACTED] expressly stipulated that his identity be held in confidence. He suggested that if the employee were honest he would have reflected his employment by the Russian Government in Civil Service records and in his loyalty form. If he has done this, [REDACTED] is of the opinion that the employee can be interrogated concerning his work with an excellent opportunity of truthful answers regarding his relationship with the USSR.

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SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, AKA SAMUEL ABRAHAM KORSUNSKY, SAMUEL KOROUNSKI,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL,
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[REDACTED] OKLAHOMA REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE EVALUATING
INFORMATION AS TO RELIABILITY OF [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE REPORTED TO

[REDACTED] DR. HAROLD A. SHOEMAKER, DEAN, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY,
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, SHOULD BE CONTACTED AND NECESSARY LOYALTY INVESTIGATION
AT UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BE CONDUCTED. FOR INFORMATION CORSON BORN DECEMBER
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C;
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Bureau File 100-242525

DATE: June 15, 1948

Reference is made to the report of SA ROY O. STUART dated 7/29/46 at St. Paul, Minnesota, entitled "SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, was., Security Matter-C" which reveals that CORSON was a member and was active in numerous Communist Party front organizations and a close contact of a reputed member of the Communist Party.

Further reference is made to the report of SA FRANCIS M. FAWCETT dated 2/19/48 at Washington, D. C. concerning the same matter.

This is to advise that a pretext telephone inquiry at Howard University on May 27, 1948 revealed that subject is still employed as an Associate Professor of Physiology in the Medical School of Howard University.

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aka Samuel Abraham Korsunsky
Samuel Korounski
Associate Professor of Physiology
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Reference is made to your letter dated June 15, 1948, in which you pointed out that the captioned individual has been known to be a member of and active in numerous Communist Party front organizations and also a close contact of a reputed member of the Communist Party. You advised that Corson's employment, as captioned above, was verified on May 27, 1948.

You should conduct a loyalty investigation on this employee, the results of which should reach the Bureau on or before July 22, 1948. Your report should include the results of a check of the records of appropriate Governmental agencies. (100-24252)

The Bureau files reflect that this employee has been the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation since 1943, and all offices receiving copies of this letter have conducted previous investigation. The reports reflecting prior investigation should be used as sources of investigative leads.

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Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and forward the results, in duplicate, to the Foreign and Domestic Coordination Unit, Room 4519, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance:

Maiden name, if married:

Date and place of birth:

December 31, 1909, Odessa, Russia.

Department and Agency for whom employed:

Howard University Medical School

Previous Government employment:

Was case opened on Form 84 or Form 85:

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 19, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

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SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, AKA. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY,
HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C., LGE.

RE. NEW HAVEN TEL SEVEN NINETEEN INSTANT. DO NOT INTERVIEW

MAURICE VISSCHER, PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

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LAST. REV. DAVID MCCAULEY, AURIESVILLE, NY, INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO
FURNISH ANY INFORMATION RE EMPLOYEES LOYALTY FROM A PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.

STATES DR. THEODORE KAPPANYI, PROFESSOR OF PHARMACOLOGY AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
ADVISED HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT CORSON ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONS AND
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TITLE SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, aka S. A. Korsunsky, S. Korounski, Associate Professor of Psychology, Howard University Medical School, Washington, D.C.			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Former supervisor at New York University had only slight acquaintance with employee and remembers him unfavorably as one whose loyalty might be questioned. No factual basis presented to substantiate this view. -RUC- REFERENCE: New York teletype to Miami dated 7/29/48			
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Report of: Special Agent Cassius Rathbun
Dated: August 5, 1948, at
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August 5, 1948
Miami, Florida

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

AT CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Dr. H. H. SHELDON, 442 Alminar Street, at the present time associated with the University of Miami, advised that SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON was employed as an instructor in Biology under his supervision at New York University, New York City, during about 1938 to 1940.

Dr. SHELDON related while his recollection of CORSON is definite he had only a casual acquaintance with CORSON and believes that his employment at New York University was limited to one or at most two terms. He had no knowledge of CORSON's associates or activities outside this employment except as set out below.

He recalled that entirely apart from the fact he considered as unsatisfactory CORSON's qualifications and the performance of his duties as instructor, he avoided any unnecessary association with CORSON because of his understanding that CORSON subscribed to what he considered to be objectionable political theories and particularly that CORSON was a member of an organization the name of which he recalled as the Association of or the American Society of Scientific Workers. While there were undoubted exceptions, membership in this organization, according to Dr. SHELDON, marked a person as one whose absolute loyalty to the United States Government would be open to question.

Dr. SHELDON was unable to specify any occurrences or situations to substantiate his feeling concerning CORSON and stated that his feelings undoubtedly resulted from a personal rather than a factual basis. Neither was he able to furnish any specific information as to statements or activities by CORSON which would tend to prove or disprove his patriotism and loyalty to the United States Government.

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TITLE ① SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, aka Samuel Abraham Korsunsky, Samuel Korounski, Associate Professor of Physiology, Howard University Medical School Washington, D. C.			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Employee born December 31, 1901, Odessa, Russia. Background information set forth. I&NS service records and Passport information set forth. Confidential informant advised employee and wife MOLLA were members of Communist Party in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Colleagues and superior at Howard University state employee loyal and patriotic. Neighbors advise they no slightly and know nothing that would reflect disloyal activities. Fellow employees in Georgetown University advised CORSON loyal to best of their knowledge. Employee wrote article for magazine "Soviet Russia Today", June, 1940 issue. Confidential informant advised employee was a contact of SEYMUR LEVINE in 1944. LEVINE is associate of known Communists. Personnel files MID, Department of Interior, Howard University, Georgetown University, reflect nothing pertinent. Files at Office of Scientific Research and Development reflect copy of investigation which is being utilized in this investigation. HCUA, CSC, established informants, Special Investigative Squad of Metropolitan Police Department, and criminal negative.

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ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU: Exhibit A which is an article entitled "Is Soviet Science Regimented", in June, 1940 issue of the magazine "Soviet Russia Today".

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Washington, D. C.
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I PERSONAL HISTORY

The following background information was obtained from the employee's personnel record at Georgetown University, School of Medicine and from Dr. JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, Dean of the Medical School, Howard University:

The employee was born December 31, 1909, Odessa Russia. He received a BS Degree from New York University January, 1930; an MS Degree June, 1931 from the University of Pennsylvania; a PhD Degree from the University of Texas in 1942.

CORSON has been employed in the following positions:

1932-35, Research Assistant, University of Pennsylvania, Physiology Department.

1933-34, the Gladwip Hospital for psychoneurotics disease in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1935-37, Research Associate, New York University, Department of Physiology.

1937-39, Instructor of Physiology, New York University.

Summer, 1940, Junior Aquatic Biologist, United States Fish and Wildlife Service Laboratory, Wood Hole, Massachusetts.

1940-42, Instructor in Zoology and Physiology at the University of Texas.

1942-43, Assistant Professor of Physiology, School of Medicine, University of Oklahoma.

1944-46, Instructor of Pharmacology, University of Georgetown, Medical School, Washington, D. C.

1944, Employed at Yale University doing work for the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

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1944-1946, Instructor in Physiology, University of Minnesota, School of Medicine.

September 1, 1947 to present time, Associate Professor of Physiology at Howard University, School of Medicine from

It is noted that the employee's present position is not supervisory in character.

The employee was married to MOLLA J. ~~CORSON~~ but is presently married to ELIZABETH O'LEARY ~~RODWAY~~ who is an instructor of Physiology at Howard University Medical School and who goes by the name of ELIZABETH O'LEARY. They reside together at Apartment 202, 1712 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

III RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., reflect that SAMUEL KORSOUNSKI, aka SAMUEL CORSON, SAMUEL ABRAHAM KORSUNSKY, SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, was born January 7, 1909 at Dobrenko, Odessa, Russia. The records gave his occupation as that of a scholar and gave his mother's name as PESSIA KORSOUNSKI and his father as AVROUM KORSOUNSKI. He was issued a non-quota Immigration Visa by the American Consular Service at Riga, Latvia, #747, on November 27, 1925 which was valid until March 27, 1926. He was issued Passport Number 22136 by the Soviet authorities in Odessa, Russia on August 20, 1925, valid until August 20, 1926 and he arrived in the United States at the Port of New York on December 22, 1925. He was naturalized in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, District Court of the United States, held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 4, 1933 under Certificate #3626108 and Petition Number 113948. On the same date he had his name changed by order of the Court from SAMUEL ABRAHAM KORSOUNSKI to SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON. It was also noted that the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect his birthdate as December 31, 1909 in Dobrenko, Russia as well as on January 7, 1909.

The records of the Passport Division of the Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that on July 12, 1935 Passport #22738 was issued to the employee for travel to England, Finland, and Russia as a delegate to the International Physiological Congress. He stated that he planned to sail from New York City July 19, 1935 and his trip would be of two-months duration. His application also reflected

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that he was born December 31, 1909 in Odessa, Russia and emigrated to the United States December, 1925 and was naturalized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 4, 1933.

(S) [Washington T-1] [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that DR. CORSON has resided in apartment 202 since the Fall of 1947. This informant stated that shortly after his arrival he was joined by a woman reported by Dr. CORSON as his wife. This informant also stated that he knew nothing at all in regard to Dr. CORSON which might indicate that he was disloyal to the United States. The informant also advised that he did not wish to give a signed statement or appear before a loyalty hearing board.

(S) [Confidential Informant Washington T-2] of known reliability also advised that he did not wish to give a signed statement or appear before a loyalty hearing board and advised that the person with whom Dr. CORSON is presently residing is a woman by the name of ELIZABETH O'LEARY RODWAY who goes by her maiden name, Miss ELIZABETH O'LEARY. According to this informant, ELIZABETH O'LEARY has one child and is separated from her husband. She is employed in the Department of Physiology, School of Medicine, Howard University.

Mrs. VIRGINIA WHITEHEAD, who resides at 2617 39th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that Dr. CORSON had resided in the same apartment building with her and her husband for approximately one year during 1943 and 1944. She stated that her contact with Dr. CORSON and his wife, MOLLA CORSON was strictly casual and that she did not really feel that she knew them well enough to comment on their loyalty. However, she informed that she knew nothing which might indicate that they were anything but loyal. Mrs. WHITEHEAD further informed that there are no other persons in the vicinity who would know the CORSONS inasmuch as all of the other apartments have changed hands.

Miss FANNIE GILCHRIST, maid in the apartment of Mrs. VIRGINIA WHITEHEAD, advised that she knew the CORSONS by name only and did not know them well enough to comment upon their loyalty.

In connection with a previous investigation conducted on the employee by the Washington Field Office of the FBI in 1944, Mr. HARVY JONES of the Sandoz Realtors, Inc., #2 Dupont Circle, advised that his company is the rental agent for the apartment location at 2617

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39th Street, N. W., and that one of the apartments was rented to SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON and his wife. JONES advised that he had received no complaints concerning CORSON from other tenants in the building and that he could furnish no information concerning CORSON's loyalty.

During the above investigation in 1944 Mr. CHARLES W. RINACA and Mrs. RITA HESSHION, both of 2617 39th Street, N. W., advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning the employee.

Mr. FRANCIS L. SIMMONS, Registrar, Georgetown University Medical School, stated that he remembered Dr. CORSON's having talked at Georgetown University but that he did not know him very well. He stated that in what contact he had with Dr. CORSON was strictly professional and therefore he did not know him well enough to comment on his loyalty. Mr. SIMMONS further informed that he had never heard any question raised as to the employee's loyalty.

Miss LOUISE MCKERLIE, Laboratory Technician, Georgetown University Medical School, stated that she knew the employee professionally approximately three months in the early part of 1944 or latter part of 1943 and she did not feel she knew him well enough to comment on his loyalty. Miss MCKERLIE advised she knew of no organizations to which he belonged and because of the fact that she had not heard any rumors concerning his disloyalty, she assumed that he was a loyal American citizen.

Dr. JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, Dean of the Howard University Medical School, advised that he had known the employee since he had come to Howard University in September, 1947. JOHNSON stated that his contact with Dr. CORSON was professional only, but he knew for a fact that there was no question as to his loyalty. He further informed that Dr. CORSON belonged to no disloyal organizations and was not sympathetic to any foreign type of government.

Concerning Dr. JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, it is noted that reliable informants of the Washington Field Office of the FBI have advised that Dr. JOHNSON is the Chairman of the Washington Chapter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and is also a life member of the Washington Bookshop Association.

The Washington Bookshop Association is one of the organizations which has been declared by the United States Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report on March 29, 1944 cited the Southern Conference for Human Welfare as a Communist front.

(c) [New Orleans Confidential Informant T-1] of known reliability who is a member of the Communist Party and who has been affiliated

[redacted] stated that this organization is a Communist infiltrated and influenced group used by the Communist Party as a transmission belt to reach the masses but not all of its national officers are controlled by the Communist Party. (c) [New Orleans T-1] did not wish to give a signed statement or appear before a loyalty hearing board.

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[redacted] a member of the Communist Party who over a long period of time has furnished reliable information, stated that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Washington, D. C. is dominated by the Communist Party; that its functionaries are advised by and generally follow the advice and direction of the Communist Party leadership and that most members of the white collar group of the Communist Party are active members of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and tend to control its policy because they are active in meetings. [redacted] has declined to furnish a signed statement or testify before a loyalty hearing board.

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(c) [redacted] a member of the Communist Party who over a long period of time has furnished reliable information, stated that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Washington, D. C. is thoroughly infiltrated by the Communist Party and that the Communist Party controls it to a considerable extent. This informant is unwilling to furnish a signed statement or to appear before a loyalty board.

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R (c) [Washington T-4] a member of the Communist Party who over a long period of time has furnished reliable information and who declined to give a signed statement or appear before a loyalty hearing board, advised in 1945 that SAMUEL CORSON and MOLLA CORSON of 2617 39th Street, N. W. have been members of the Communist Party in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and the Communist Party through ALAN SHAW, President of the Oklahoma Communist Political Association at that time had sought to have both SAMUEL CORSON and MOLLA CORSON transferred to the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. However, both SAMUEL CORSON and MOLLA CORSON had left Washington, D. C. before they were "picked up" by the local Communist Party.

It is to be noted that the employee has written an article for the magazine "Soviet Russia Today" in its June, 1940 issue entitled "Is Soviet Science Regimented?" A photostatic copy of this article

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is being attached to this report as Exhibit "A". In regard to the magazine, "Soviet Russia Today", it is noted that it was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in June 25, 1942 and also in March 29, 1944. The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities also reflected that the magazine "Soviet Russia Today" was distributed by the Progressive Bookshop in Boston, Massachusetts which was cited as "Communitistic" by the Massachusetts House Committee report on Un-American Activities in 1938, page 43.

In connection with an investigation on another matter, Special Agents ROBERT W. ARTHUR and JOHN G. McCORMICK of the Washington Field Office of the FBI observed the employee in the company of SETH LEVINE at the Iron Gate Inn, 1734 N. Street, N. W. on March 8, 1944. The employee was in the company of SETH LEVINE for approximately two hours from 6 PM to 8 PM during which time they entered into a discussion.

It is to be noted that reliable informants of the Washington Field Office of the FBI advised that SETH LEVINE is an associate of known Communists in the Washington, D. C. area.

The personnel file of the Department of Interior and Georgetown University were reviewed and noted to reflect nothing pertinent to the employee's loyalty.

Dr. JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, Howard University Medical School, advised that the employee's personnel file at Howard University contained nothing pertinent to his loyalty.

The personnel file of the employee at the Office of Scientific Research and Development reflected an investigation which had been conducted by [Washington T-5] another [redacted] This investigation has been utilized by the FBI.

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Dr. WILLIAM HEWITT, JR, Assistant Professor of Physiology at Howard University, advised that he had only known the employee professionally for approximately three months, inasmuch as they worked together at Howard University. He stated that he had no question at all regarding the employee's loyalty and had never heard the employee say anything which might be sympathetic with any other type of Government than the United States. He advised that DR. CORSON was married to ELIZABETH O'LEARY who is also an instructor of Physiology at Howard University. Dr. CORSON belongs to no organizations that Dr. HEWITT knows of other than the fact that he is very active in the "New Progressive Party" which is

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headed by HENRY WALLACE.

(S) [Washington, T-3] a reliable informant who declined to give a signed statement or appear before a loyalty hearing board, advised that WILLIAM HEWITT, JR. was a member of the Communist Party in 1943 and had transferred from the Wichita, Kansas branch to the Midtown Section, Los Angeles, California in June, 1943.

It is noted that the Communist Party is one of the organizations declared by the United States Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Special Investigative Squad of the Metropolitan Police Department and the Criminal Division of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected nothing pertinent to the employee's loyalty.

The records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C. reflected nothing pertinent concerning the employee's loyalty.

(S) The files of [Washington T-6] another [redacted] reflected nothing pertinent to the employee's loyalty.

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(S) [Confidential informants Washington T-7, T-8, and T-9] reliable informants who are closely associated with Communist activities in Washington, D. C. advised that they did not know the employee.

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Inasmuch as the check of the employee's fingerprints at the Identification Division of the FBI has not been received, reporting of same is being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

It is to be noted that no neighborhood investigation was conducted at the employee's residence at 1712 16th Street other than contacting the janitor inasmuch as this apartment house is an inter-racial house owned by Dr. JOSEPH L. JOHNSON, Dean of the Howard University Medical School and inhabited by several members of the Communist Party, among whom are JACOB HYMAN, HERMAN CLOTT, SARAH ROSENBAUM and EUGENE HOLMES.

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It is to be noted that the employee's personnel file was not reviewed at Howard University inasmuch as the President of the University informed the Dean of the Medical School that the files would only be made available to the FBI upon receipt of a request in writing which would be referred to the Board of Trustees at Howard University.

The following teletypes were sent by this office in connection with instant investigation:

Teletype to St. Paul dated July 6, 1948
Teletype to Oklahoma City dated July 16, 1948
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Employee received B.S. Degree from NYU June, 1930. Employment as instructor from 1938-1940 verified at NYU. Employment as a consulting physiologist by City of New York not verified due to non-existence of records. Neighborhood investigations failed to reflect that employee was known in the neighborhoods. Employee reflected to be a member of the American Association of Scientific Workers and a member of the Board of Editors of the American Review of Soviet Medicine. Birth date shown to be 12/31/09 in Odessa, Russia. Employee unknown by NY CIs. CORSON has no criminal, credit or voter's registration record at NYC. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field Office, 6/22/48. New Haven teletype, 7/19/48. New York teletype to Bureau and Miami, 7/29/48. Class. & Ext. By Reason: FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 Date of Review 3-25-82 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3-25-82 BY ENC. ATTACHED APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Edward Schick</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau (Enc. 6) 2 - New York 121-11256-7 RECORDED - 40 OCT 20 1948 CONFIDENTIAL			

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Education

Miss B. SOYSTER, Secretary in the Recorder's Office, New York University, Washington Square, New York City, advised that employee registered under the name of SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON and received a Bachelor of Science Degree June 11, 1930 and a Master of Science Degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1931, according to the record on file. The records disclosed no information concerning the employee's loyalty. Miss SOYSTER advised that CORSON would not now be known by faculty members due to the turnover of lower rank staff members and the passage of almost twenty years since CORSON received his degree.

Mrs. B. HARTWELL, New York University Graduate School, Washington Square, New York City, advised that the employee was a full time student in the Graduate Division, from September, 1935 to June, 1937, as a biology major. No graduate degree was awarded to CORSON and he is not now known in the department. No information pertaining to his loyalty appeared in the file. New York University records show CORSON to have been born December 31, 1909.

Employment

Miss KATHERINE GAULT, Division of General Education, New York University, Washington Square, New York City, stated that CORSON was employed by this Division as a teacher teaching science courses on a part-time basis from 1938-1940. Miss GAULT knew CORSON and stated that she had no reason to question his loyalty.

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Mr. JOSEPH GALLICHIO, Secretary of the Personnel Division, Department of Health, City of New York, 125 Worth Street, advised that there was no record of CORSON having been employed as a consulting physiologist, but had he been so retained there would be no record since in the capacity of a consultant he would not have been on the city payroll.

Dr. LESLIE NIMS, Brookhaven Laboratory, Biological Division, Long Island, advised that he knew CORSON as a fellow-employee only at Yale University Medical School in 1944. NIMS said he had no social contacts with CORSON and knew nothing about his background. He stated that he had no reason to question CORSON'S loyalty.

Neighborhood

The records of Confidential Informant New York City T-1, another government agency which maintains personnel files, reflect that CORSON formerly resided at 3945 47th Street, Sunnyside, Long Island City, New York City.

Mrs. H. WEG, who has lived at 3945 47th Street, Long Island City for the past eight years, advised that she did not know anyone by either the name of CORSON or KORSUNSKY.

Mrs. W.F. HOWELL, 3943 47th Street; Mrs. R.H. HARRIS, 3940 47th Street; and Mrs. N.E. NAFTEL, 3982 46th Street, all of Long Island City and residents in this immediate neighborhood for the past twenty-two years, stated that the employee was not known to them.

The records of New York University reflect that CORSON also resided at 191 Claremont Avenue, Manhattan and 2365 82nd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. M. PAULSEN, Apartment 33; Mrs. H.F. ARMSTRONG, Apartment 32; and Mrs. S. LEWIS, Apartment 45, all of 191 Claremont Avenue and residents at this address for twelve years or longer, advised that they had never heard of the employee.

Mr. S. ANEDER, 2361 82nd Street, Brooklyn, stated he had lived in the neighborhood twenty years and that he had never heard of a SAMUEL CORSON or KORSUNSKY. Mrs. JOSEPHINE ARAGONA, 2347 82nd Street, Brooklyn, advised that she had lived in the neighborhood for twenty-eight years but did not know the employee.

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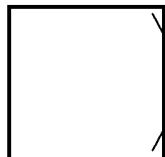
Organizations and Associations

4 The August, 1946 issue of the American Soviet Medical Society's publication, "The American Review of Soviet Medicine", listed S.A. CORSON, M.D., as a member of the Board of Editors of cited publication. Information received from Confidential Informant New York City T-1, and New York University does not reflect that employee had ever earned the degree Doctor of Medicine, though the records of Confidential Informant New York City T-1 reflect that CORSON received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, in 1942. A photostatic copy of the page of "The American Review of Soviet Medicine", containing a list of the Board of Editors of this publication, is being enclosed with each copy of this report.

2 Confidential Informant New York City T-2, who is of known reliability but who will not give a signed statement or appear before a loyalty board, advised that S.A. CORSON, M.D., whose name appears as such as a member of the Board of Editors of "The American Review of Soviet Medicine", is now an associate professor of physiology at Howard University in Washington, D.C. This same informant further stated that CORSON holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree and not a Doctor of Medicine degree and that CORSON was formerly a member of the medical faculties at the Universities of Minnesota and Texas and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

J The December, 1943 issue of "The American Review of Soviet Medicine", the official publication of the American Soviet Medical Society, contained an article which stated that the Medical Panel of the Tenth Anniversary Congress of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, held in New York City on November 7, 1943, was organized in cooperation with the American Soviet Medical Society. The National Council of American Soviet Friendship was declared within the purview of Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General.

The following Confidential Informants, who are of known reliability and who are familiar with activities of the Communist Party in the New York area, advised that they were not familiar with SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON or SAMUEL ABRAHAM KORUNSKY:



Records of the New York City Police Department failed to reflect any record of employee.

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Records of the Credit Bureau for Greater New York reflected no pertinent information on the employee.

A check of the voters registration records, under all known addresses of CORSON in the Greater New York area failed to reflect that he ever registered or voted in New York City.

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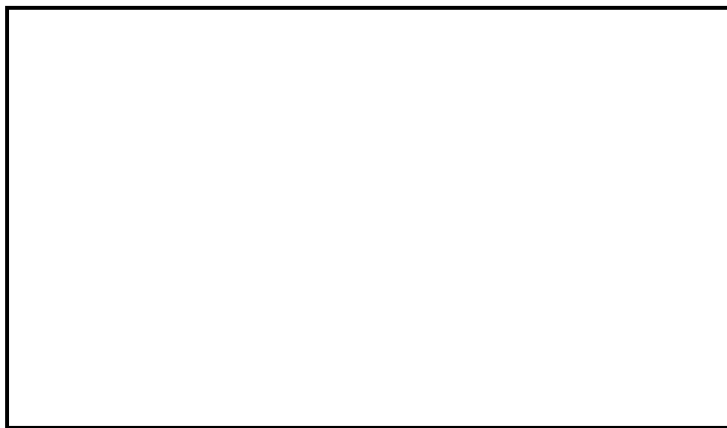
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Special Agent Arthur V. Hart interviewed Dr. LESLIE NIMS of the Biological Division, Brookhaven Laboratory, Long Island, New York.

Special Employee Ralph G. Murdy checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

Special Agent Charles F. Heiner contacted New York Confidential Informants [redacted] (S)

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Special Agent Edward W. Buckley contacted New York Confidential Informants [redacted] (S)

Special Agent Arthur J. Trower, Jr. checked the records of Selective Service, 516 West 34th Street, New York City.

Special Employee Clifford W. Wickman checked voters registration records.

The files of the New York Office reflect that CORSON was a member of the Austin, Texas branch of the American Association of Scientific Workers according to a report of Special Agent Arthur J. Norstrom of the San Antonio Office dated October 28, 1943. It is assumed that the San Antonio Office will include this information in its report.

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TITLE SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, aka Samuel Abraham Korsunsky, Samuel Korounski, Samuel Kosounski Associate Professor of Physiology Howard University Medical School Washington, D. C.			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON was born 12/31/19 in Odessa, Russia, and naturalized 10/4/33. Was an instructor at the University of Minnesota 1944 through July, 1947, when he was not re-appointed because of dishonesty in connection with defrauding the Coffman Memorial Union cafeteria. It was also found that he had certain university equipment in his possession at the time he departed from the University, the value of which, when recovered, was in excess of \$5,000. Dr. CORSON was one of the founders of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions at Minneapolis, Minnesota, which was the basis for the investigation, and, in addition, he was a member of the American-Soviet Medical Society and the American Association of Scientific Workers. Fellow workers state that Dr. CORSON was secretive and non-communicative about personal affairs, and his major interest seemed to be in promoting Russia. Numerous newspaper articles obtained indicate that Dr. CORSON was instrumental in propagandizing Russian medicine at the University to a great extent.

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SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, aka
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Korowski, Samuel Kosounski
Associate Professor of Physiology
Howard University Medical School
Washington, D. C.
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St. Paul, Minnesota
July 26, 1948

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

According to the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Washington, D. C., Dr. SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON was born December 31, 1909, at Odessa, Russia, and entered the United States on December 22, 1925, as SAMUEL KOSOUNSKI. It will be noted that SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON was the name assumed by the employee at the time of his naturalization before the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1933. These records disclose that his father was ABRAHAM CORSON, 710 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born in Russia, and his mother was Mrs. BETTY KARAGOD CORSON, 710 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, also born in Russia. He had one brother, MORTON CORSON, of Philadelphia, and one sister, Mrs. SYLVIA ORDET, also of Philadelphia, both of whom were born in Russia. He was married June 28, 1936, to MOLLA J. GREENBERG, also born in Russia, who obtained a divorce from him on February 15, 1947. MOLLA CORSON now resides at 3937 - 48th Street, Long Island City, New York.

The records of the University of Minnesota reflect that Dr. CORSON attended the New York University at New York City, receiving a B.A. Degree; the University of Pennsylvania, receiving an M.S. Degree; and the University of Texas, at Houston, from which institution he received a Ph.D. Degree in Physiology in 1942.

His previous employment was shown as Physiology Department, New York City University, 1935-1939; Consulting Physiologist, New York City, 1938-1940; U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service Laboratory, Woodshole, Massachusetts, summer of 1940; University of Texas at Houston, 1940-1942; the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 1942-1943; Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D. C., 1943-1944; the Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, July, 1944 to September 16, 1944; University of Minnesota, School of Medicine, Physiological Chemistry Instructor, September 16, 1944 to July 15, 1947; and Howard University, Washington, D. C., as an Associate Professor of Physiology in the Medical School from September, 1947 to the present date.

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Dr. CORSON's organizations were listed as the Physiological Society of Philadelphia; the Society of Sigma Xi; the American Physiological Society; the American Association of Scientific Workers, and the American-Soviet Medical Society.

II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

This investigation is based upon information obtained from St. Paul T-1, who informed that Dr. SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON was a member of the Minneapolis Chapter of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. It will be noted that the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited by the House Committee of Un-American Activities on October 22, 1947, as a Communist-front organization.

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

St. Paul T-1, a reliable informant who will not appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board or furnish a signed statement, advised that as of February 12, 1946, a membership list of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Minneapolis Chapter, revealed the Board of Directors and Officers to include Dr. SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON, Physiology Department, University of Minnesota, as Acting Chairman. This same informant advised that as of April 23, 1946, Dr. CORSON was informed by JO DAVIDSON, National Chairman of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, that Dr. CORSON had been elected to the National Board of Directors of the organization by mail vote of the membership.

Minnesota Labor, a state C.I.O. newspaper, in its issue of February 1, 1946, revealed that PAUL ROBESON, noted Negro baritone, had participated in the founding of the Minnesota division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and that helping him guide the establishment of the local organization was Dr. SAMUEL A. CORSON of the Physiology Department, University of Minnesota, who was the provisional chairman. Dr. MAURICE WISSCHER of the Physiology Department of the University of Minnesota was listed as Director of the newly formed organization.

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune of January 28, 1946, also revealed that Dr. SAMUEL CORSON, Physiology Instructor, University of Minnesota, was Provisional Chairman of the Minnesota Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions at the time of its founding on January 27, 1946, when PAUL ROBESON, noted Negro baritone, helped in the organization of the group at the Campus Club at the University of Minnesota. CORSON said, according to the article, that more than 400 people attended the organization meeting.

LEONARD EDWARDS, former Executive Secretary, Governor's Office, State of Minnesota, on September 17, 1946, furnished a list of Officers and Directors of the Minnesota Division of the ICCASP which he obtained from an official

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letterhead of the organization, and the name of Dr. SAMUEL A. CORSON appears thereon as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Minneapolis Star of August 9, 1947, likewise contained an article to the effect that the Minnesota Chapter of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions had merged with the Independent Voters of Minnesota, and that a council of eleven had been chosen by the merged organization. Dr. SAMUEL CORSON was a member of the council.

Miss ANNETTE PEARSON, Personnel Director, University of Minnesota, advised that Dr. SAMUEL ABRAHAM CORSON was first employed as an Instructor of Physiological Chemistry at the University of Minnesota on September 16, 1944, for a period of two years, until June 15, 1946. He was reappointed as a Physiological Instructor in special research on June 15, 1946, till July 15, 1947. His supervisor during his tenure at the University of Minnesota was Dr. MAURICE B. VISSCHER.

Dr. MAURICE B. VISSCHER, Professor in the Department of Physiology, University of Minnesota, Millard Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, when interviewed in connection with a previous investigation, advised that during the time that Dr. CORSON was an instructor in the Department of Physiology, he was under his personal supervision and resided at 2310 Stevens Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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According to Dr. VISSCHER, CORSON immigrated into the United States at the age of 13 years. He was the son of a merchant who was "run out of Russia by the Communist Government," according to information that CORSON had given to Dr. VISSCHER. While at the University of Minnesota, he did research in Water and Electric Light Movement, and in addition carried a full schedule of classes. He stated that when CORSON first came to the University of Minnesota, he lived at the Coffman Memorial Union for several months until he brought his wife west from New York City. Dr. VISSCHER related that CORSON's teaching schedule and research experiment consumed most of his time leaving him very little time for outside activities. However, CORSON had devoted some outside time to two scientific organizations at the University, the first of which was the American Association of Scientific Workers of which Dr. VISSCHER is the National President, and the American-Soviet Medical Society. Dr. VISSCHER said the American Association of Scientific Workers was a bona-fide organization "to promote public understanding of science and scientific publications," and the American-Soviet Medical Society was a national organization with headquarters in New York City, which had for its purpose the exchange of medical ideas with the Russian medical profession and the fostering of good will between American and Russian medical authorities. He stated that CORSON was Secretary of the Minnesota Branch of the American-Soviet Medical Society, which was formed in the fall of 1944 at the University. He also informed that Dr. CORSON did considerable work on the monthly publication of the organization, known as the American Review of Soviet Medicine, both as a Russian translator and an interpreter of ideas set forth in Russian medical publications.

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In connection with Dr. CORSON's attitude toward the United States, Dr. VISSCHER related there was nothing unusual or peculiar, and while Dr. CORSON was definitely not Communistic, he was sympathetic toward the Russian people. He stated that he believed CORSON's attitude and activities to be above reproach, and that CORSON was very much interested in fostering good relations with Russia.

Dean MALCOLM WILLEY, Vice-President of the University of Minnesota, in charge of academic personnel, advised from his record that Dr. CORSON was in residence at the University of Minnesota from September 16, 1944, to July 15, 1947, when his appointment was not renewed at the specific request of Dean WILLEY. He informed that it was brought to his attention by the Investigation and Protection Division at the University of Minnesota that Dr. CORSON was responsible for defrauding the cafeteria at the Coffman Memorial Union out of small sums of money, and after thoroughly investigating the matter, he was certain that Dr. CORSON was guilty of cheating. As a result, he felt that CORSON could not be relied upon and refused to renew his appointment despite the fact that Dr. CORSON was working on an experiment which would require an additional six months to complete. He further said that when Dr. CORSON was asked to leave the University, it was found that he was in possession of a large quantity of University property which was clearly identifiable inasmuch as Dr. CORSON had no valid excuse for having the property in his possession which, in effect, amounted to a larceny of University property on the part of Dr. CORSON. Dr. CORSON appeared to be very much interested in Russia and apparently attempted to promote Russian interest at all times. As an example, Dean WILLEY said that Dr. CORSON voluntarily promoted a course in the Russian language, as well as a course in Contemporary Russian Civilization at the University of Minnesota without remuneration and did a tremendous amount of work in this regard of his own volition and not at the specific request of the University's administration.

While Dean WILLEY had no specific information as to Dr. CORSON's membership in any organization such as the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts Sciences and Professions and could not comment on Dr. CORSON's loyalty, he nevertheless said that in view of his past experience with him, there was a very grave question in his mind as to Dr. CORSON's integrity and reliability.

M. W. RIME, Investigation and Protection Division, University of Minnesota, advised that, from his records, on June 17, 1947, he received a complaint from the Food Services Division of the Coffman Memorial Union that the checks issued by the food checkers were not in agreement with the cash amounts received by the cashier, and that the daily cash receipts were approximately fifty to ninety cents short each day. An investigation was immediately undertaken by Mr. RIME and through investigation at the cafeteria on June 18, 19, 20, and 23, 1947, it was determined that the cash registers were short forty-eight cents on each of those days. Through surveillance, it was determined that Dr. SAMUEL CORSON and his office assistant, Miss ELIZABETH RADWAY, were going through the cafeteria line twice and on the second occasion were obtaining five cent checks for cups of coffee that were purchased. It was determined that they were then destroying the larger check and were paying

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the smaller amounts for the coffee, and in each instance the shortage was in the neighborhood of forty-eight cents. Mr. RIME specifically observed Dr. CORSON in this practice on June 18, 19, 20, and 23. On June 23rd, he had CORSON come to his office when he confronted him with this information, which CORSON denied. Thereafter, the matter was discussed with Dr. VISSCHER and Dean WILLEY. CORSON was informed that his appointment which expired on July 15, 1947, would not be renewed and he was ordered to put his affairs in such order that he could immediately depart from the University.

On August 19, 1947, when Mr. RIME noted that CORSON had not removed his effects from the University in accordance with the previous directive, he made a routine check of CORSON's office at 350 Millard Hall which disclosed forty-five crates for shipment, many of which contained numerous items of University property. A committee was then appointed, consisting of Dr. JOSEPH KING, and Dr. ALLEN HEMMINGWAY of the Physiology Department, as well as Mr. RIME, and twenty-six boxes were opened and the material was identified as University property which Dr. CORSON had labeled for shipment by the Universal Cartage Company to himself at Howard University, Washington, D. C. Mr. RIME said that he ordered Dr. CORSON's office locked and the equipment impounded. Thereafter, an inventory was taken and it was found that hundreds of items were in Dr. CORSON's possession which were definitely identified as University property, including surgical instruments that had been taken from the University Hospital, as well as drugs, medicines, electric motors, fluorescent lights, and other equipment, the value of which was in excess of \$5,000.

On September 8, 1947, a letter was directed to Dr. CORSON by Dean WILLEY which advised him that inasmuch as the University administration had decided it was the property of the University, he could not ship the property to the Howard University. In the meantime it was determined that Dr. CORSON had shipped other material to Howard University and as a result C. B. HANSCOMB, Director of the Division, flew to Washington, D. C., where on September 16, 1947, in the presence of Dr. CORSON, he opened a number of crates in the basement of Howard University, which had been shipped by Dr. CORSON, and therein he found additional equipment which was clearly identifiable as the property of the University of Minnesota. Included in this equipment was one Waring printing machine, a General Electric automotive heat control unit, a 16 quart pressure cooker, and a Yard Arm fluorescent laboratory light.

Mr. RIME also stated that after Dr. CORSON's departure from Minneapolis, he made inquiry of his former landlady, Mrs. W. J. STEICHEN, 2310 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis, who furnished RIME with a quantity of literature and correspondence that Dr. CORSON had left with her for incineration at the time of his departure. Included therein were a number of information bulletins of the Embassy of the USSR, which were addressed to Dr. SAMUEL A. CORSON, Physiology Department, University of Minnesota. There was also included a letter from SAMUEL A. CORSON, dated November 17, 1944, to EDWIN S. SMITH, Executive Director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated, 232 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, which reads as follows:

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"Dear Mr. Smith:

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"Since I saw you last in Washington at the executive committee meeting of the American Association of Scientific Workers, I moved to Yale and from there to Minnesota where I decided to settle down for a while.

"I have been here for only two months, but I did manage to rejuvenate the local Council of American-Soviet Friendship and to organize a branch of the American Soviet Medical Society. The latter is planning to hold the first public meeting early in December at which time I have been asked to give a talk on the organization of Soviet Science, particularly medical science. If you have any material on the subject which you could send, I shall be very grateful. In particular, I should like to have some figures on the budgets for scientific research and education as related to the total state budget.

"During my sojourn at Yale University last summer, the Yale Medical Society at my suggestion invited Dr. Lebedenko for a lecture. The secretary of the Society, myself and Dr. John F. Fulton, head of the Yale Physiology Department wrote to Lebedenko, but so far neither one of us received any reply whatsoever. Dr. Fulton is one of the most prominent and most influential of American physiologists and this rather peculiar neglect has made a bad impression. Knowing Dr. Lebedenko, I strongly suspect that it is the fault of his secretary. Since Dr. Lebedenko is looked upon as a representative of Soviet Medicine, something should be done about the undiplomatic and embarrassing behavior of his secretary. I have heard similar stories about her from several independent sources. I think that it might be worth your while to bring this to the personal attention of Dr. Lebedenko. At any rate, I hope that he will write to Dr. Fulton and explain the situation to him.

"Could you tell me who is the chairman of your committee on Science and what are the present plans of the committee? I think that it is time to broaden the composition of the committee to include men outside the East. Since I am keenly interested in this work, and since I have heard nothing about its activities, I am justified in assuming that nothing much was done.

"With kindest regards,

Samuel A. Corson"

There was also attached a letter dated November 24, 1944, from EDWIN S. SMITH, Executive Director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., in which he said that he had communicated with Dr. LEBEDENKO. There was also a copy of a letter dated December 7, 1944, to Mr. EDWIN S. SMITH from Dr. LEBEDENKO which reads as follows:

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"Dear Mr. Smith:

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"Please accept my thanks for your kind letter regarding the invitation to the Yale Medical Society.

"The fact is that from the middle of August until almost the end of November I was away from Washington on a series of trips to South America and Canada as well as various U. S. cities. During that time it was impossible to answer correspondence and I am writing to Dr. Fulton and to Dr. Hooker, whose letter I have located, thanking them for their invitation and expressing my willingness to accept it at a somewhat later date.

"With appreciation of your interest, I am

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ V. ~~X~~ Lebedenko (Prof.)
Representative in the U. S."

In this connection, T-2, a reliable informant who will not testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board or furnish a signed statement, advised that Dr. CORSON received the following publications in his office:

A (Research Bulletin of the Soviet Union.
Soviet Information Bulletin from the Embassy of the USSR.
The pamphlet, "In Fact".
Communications and pamphlets sent out by the American-Russian Institute.
Russian War Relief Bulletin.
Pamphlet entitled, "Soviet Students".
Numerous publications issued by the Foreign Language Publication House in Moscow.

The above informant advised that CORSON entered into radio forum discussions at which time he always supported Russian policies and principles.

The University of Minnesota General Extension Division Bulletin No. 102 indicates that CORSON entered into a forum discussion on contributions of Russian science to medicine, together with Doctor MAURICE VISSCHER, Professor of Physiology, and Mr. FRANK M. RARIG, Professor in the Department of Speech. In this discussion CORSON gave data on the number of medical students in Russia and the comparisons between Russia and the United States.

The General Extension Division Bulletin No. 106 reflected that CORSON, Dr. RODNEY B. HARVEY and Mr. FRANK M. RARIG entered into a radio discussion concerning the contribution of Russian science to agriculture. In this discussion CORSON praised the contribution of Russia in the science of agriculture.

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General Extension Bulletin No. 109 reflected that CORSON entered into a radio forum discussion with Mr. GEORGE W. ANDERSON, instructor in history, and Mr. FRANK M. RARIG concerning the subject, "Must We Fear Russia?". In this discussion CORSON stated he thought that Russia was a real menace but not to the United States, only to Nazi Germany, stating that it was his opinion that the fear of Russia that is being revived is an attempt on the part of the Nazis and some of their friends in the United States to draw attention from their defeat and their planning for a third war of aggression. During the radio discussion CORSON lauded Russian achievements stating that it was the Trotskyites' theory for revolution to spread from Russia to other countries but that Lenin's theory was that revolution was not for export and if any nations wanted revolutions they would have to make their own. In closing on this radio discussion, CORSON made the following statement: "As a matter of fact, active and continuous operation with the firm and realistic representatives of the USSR will serve as a guarantee that never again will the forces which created the aggressive Fascist governments find a way to revive their diabolical schemes to enslave the world."

T-2 also produced a letter dated April 18, 1945, from CORSON to Mr. VLADIMIR ~~BAZYKIN~~, Embassy of the USSR, 119 16th Ave. N.W., Washington, D. C., which reads as follows:

"I am enclosing a copy of a recent radio broadcast on Soviet Medicine and a copy of a letter just received by Professor Visscher, the head of our Physiology Department.

"As secretary of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Soviet Medical Society I have received a number of similar inquiries in regard to the difficulty of securing Soviet scientific and particularly medical periodicals. I am wondering whether it might not be possible to designate a central agency within the United States as a clearing house for the exchange of such publications, at least in the field of medicine. Possibly the American Soviet Medical Society might undertake that job.

"I should greatly appreciate having your opinion on this subject and any suggestions you may care to offer.

"With kindest regards,

"Sincerely yours,

S. A. CORSON"

This informant also said that Professor W. ~~LEBEDENKO~~, representative of the United States for the Mission of Alliance of Red Cross and Red Cross Societies of the USSR in the USA, had addressed a letter to Dr. CORSON dated April 17, 1945, thanking him for sending a copy of the University of Minnesota Extension Bulletin to him. He stated the material was interesting and that CORSON's remarks and those of Dr. VISSCHER were of greater value than the speeches which ~~LEBEDENKO~~ had been making in promoting friendship and understanding

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between scientific workers of the United States and the USSR.

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The Minnesota Daily, a student publication, of October 1, 1946, revealed that Dr. CORSON, instructor in physiology, was the coordinator of a series of lectures in Contemporary Russian Civilization that were to be started October 1, 1946, and completed February 3, 1947. This was the second year the University had offered such a course, according to Dr. CORSON.

In connection with a previous investigation, MARJORIE ALLISON HOWE, 2991 St. Clair, St. Paul, Minnesota, who took the course in Contemporary Russian Civilization, advised that she had been impressed by the statistics given by Dr. CORSON in the course, but she doubted very seriously if the facts outlined by CORSON were true inasmuch as they always portrayed Russia's accomplishments as being far greater than those of the United States. Among the lectures given were those on:

- December 4: Development of Educational and Scientific Facilities in the USSR
- December 11: Public Health, Child Care and Medical Practice
- January 8: The Soviet Philosophy of Education and Science
- February 5: Discussion of American-Soviet Relations.

M The Minneapolis Daily Times of October 22, 1946, contained an article in which it was reported that Dr. CORSON had made the statement that Russia had more doctors, five times as many medical graduates per year, more day nurseries, wider psychiatric care and better mental health generally than the United States, according to his statements in lectures at the University of Minnesota in the course in Contemporary Russian Civilization. He further said that while United States medical science did many things better than the Russians, nevertheless unless the public wakes up and demands Federal appropriations for research, Russia would leave the United States far behind in one generation. He further said that a British-Canadian neuro-surgical mission to Russia had noticed a high mental level in Russia and surprisingly few psychoneurotic cases.

C The Minneapolis Star Journal of November 11, 1946, commented on the statement by Dr. CORSON in the course on Contemporary Russian Civilization that both American and Russian foreign policies were based on the assumption that a war between Russia and the United States was inevitable and that Russia was the chief enemy of the United States. He charged that the policy under which America strengthened the fascist countries and then found itself at war with them was being repeated now and must be reversed before it reached the irreversible stage of disaster.

D The Minneapolis Morning Tribune of January 28, 1947, reported a speech made by Dr. CORSON before the Business Men's Association at the Curtis Hotel in

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P | which he said that Russia had to be reckoned with as a future industrial power if the educational advances now being made are continued and that the Russians' educational program was beginning to pay off.

E | The Minneapolis Daily Tribune of June 27, 1947, contained a full column in which Dr. CORSON was quoted as saying there was no iron curtain between United States and Russian scientists, at least in exchanging scientific journals. He was quoted as saying that top Russian scientists in all top fields are individually as good as our best men, but that in the middle brackets they do not as yet possess the great reservoir of competent, carefully trained investigators we have developed. He further said, "They have progressed so rapidly that we will have to stir ourselves to stay ahead".

F | The Minnesota Daily, a student publication of the University of Minnesota, on February 11, 1947, revealed that Dr. CORSON was conducting a course in intermediate scientific Russian, and that Russian advancement in the fields of chemistry, medicine, physics and agriculture had made it necessary for American scientists to be familiar with the language to keep abreast of developments.

G | The Minnesota Daily of April 25, 1946, also contained an article to the effect that Dr. CORSON was to appear before the Minnesota Forum at Miller's Cafeteria, and discuss, "Does Russia Want Peace?" The present-day policy of the Soviet Union was to be discussed by Dr. CORSON.

The Minneapolis Tribune of April 14, 1946, contained an article that Dr. SAMUAL A. CORSON would discuss "Russia, Past and Present," at a meeting of the Pathfinder Club on that date.

Dr. JOSEPH KING, Physiology Department, University of Minnesota, informed that he had occupied the adjoining office to Dr. CORSON during the time CORSON was appointed at the University of Minnesota, and that from his observation of CORSON as a physician, he was definitely certain that CORSON was a psychopath and emotionally unstable. He said that he himself and six other members of the Department of Physiology, with the exception of Dr. VISSCHER, had had trouble with CORSON from the date that he entered on duty. He said that CORSON was definitely secretive and never discussed his outside activities with other members of the department, and when asked as to what results he was getting, he would immediately adopt a very hostile attitude and would infer that he did not want other members of the department prying into his affairs. He further said that Dr. CORSON definitely did not have a scientific attitude but appeared to be more interested in Russia and its political advancement than in physiology.

He said that the only person who knew of Dr. CORSON's activity in the department was Dr. VISSCHER, and he himself had no information on any of the organizations of which Dr. CORSON was a member. He said that inasmuch as he, together with Dr. HEMMINGWAY had catalogued the University equipment that was found in Dr. CORSON's possession at the time of his departure from the University, he definitely had no faith in the man's integrity, and although he could not comment on his loyalty, he was of the opinion that

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he was not the type of man to be trusted.

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Dr. ALLEN HEMMINGWAY, Department of Physiology, Millard Hall, University of Minnesota, advised he had likewise been a member of the staff with Dr. CORSON for a period of three years. During that time he had never learned anything as to the activity in which Dr. CORSON was engaged, nor the identity of any persons with whom he associated. He said that Dr. CORSON was very secretive and was resentful of any one that asked of his affairs. To his knowledge, Dr. CORSON never associated with anyone in the Physiology Department with the possible exception of Dr. VISSCHER.

Dr. HEMMINGWAY said that it was his impression that Dr. CORSON was not interested in physiology, but was purely interested in Russia, judging from the numerous newspaper articles that appeared concerning Dr. CORSON and his promotion of the Russian language and Russian culture. Dr. HEMMINGWAY said that while he had no information concerning Dr. CORSON's loyalty, nevertheless he felt that he was intellectually and morally dishonest, based in part upon the fact that he had been instrumental in cataloging various University equipment that had been found in Dr. CORSON's possession, and consequently he would not be inclined to trust Dr. CORSON in any regard.

DALE SHEPARD, Manager, Campus Club, Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota, advised Dr. CORSON had resided at the Campus Club for a period of several months when he first came to the University in the fall of 1944, and during that time appeared to have no associates on the campus. DALE SHEPARD said he knew little of CORSON's activity and nothing that would in any way reflect on his loyalty.

Mrs. W. J. STEICHEN, 2310 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis, advised that Dr. CORSON and his wife MOLLA, with their young son, had resided at her home in an apartment on the second floor from November, 1944 to July, 1947. She said that while he had a number of callers at his apartment, his closest associates appeared to be HARRY RATHNER and his wife BESS RATHNER, and RALPH PERRY, all of whom seemed to have some connection with the film industry. She said that during the time he resided there, he had few discussions with her and she knew nothing that would in any way reflect on his loyalty.

(X) In this connection, HARRY RATHNER was described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as a member of the Communist Party who [redacted]

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The records of the Minneapolis Police Department contain no reference to Dr. CORSON.

The records of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau reveal that Dr. CORSON was divorced February 21, 1947, from MOLLA CORSON. It was learned that Dr. CORSON had an unsatisfactory credit rating, and that there were several uncollectable claims on file, but no information was available reflecting on his loyalty.

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[redacted] all of whom are reliable and are acquainted with Communist Party activity in Minneapolis, have no information indicating Communist Party membership on the part of Dr. CORSON or of any other type reflecting on his loyalty. (C)

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